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1. The Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs has introduced a new method of payment for all Foreign Service Officials abroad. The new method was put into effect on 1 February.

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2. According to the new decree, in order to compel every Polish official serving abroad to spend his leave in Poland, 60% of his total salary is retained and deposited in a personal account with the National Bank in Warsaw. The deposit is credited in Zlotys. During his leave every official is required to use part of his credit for the purchase of clothing, shoes, etc. The move is designed to prevent any Polish official from buying any personal items in the country of his residence. The 40% paid in the country of service is allocated exclusively for rent and food. Under no circumstances will an official be authorized to draw on any part of his personal account from outside of the country.

3. Whether this move was motivated by the desire to reduce the number of defections by Polish officials abroad is not known. If so, it may produce a quite opposite effect.

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